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S E C R E T KINSHASA 7032

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (ROGERS, WILLIAM) (SCHAUFEE, WILLIAM)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL: ROGERS AND SCHAUFEE

REF: STATE 208592

1. WE FORESEE NO DIFFICULTY IN SECURING OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES FROM GOZ. HOWEVER, OBTAINING NECESSARY FUEL MAY PROVE MORE DIFFICULT. DAO WILL PURSUE MATTER WITH GOZ WHEN THEIR OFFICE OPENS MONDAY.

2. POSSIBILITIES OF NON-DATT TRANSPORTATION FROM KINSHASA TO DAR-ES-SALAAM: (A) NO RELIABLE EXECUTIVE JET AVAILABLE FOR COMMERCIAL HIRE HERE. (B) ONE NON-JET POSSIBILITY WOULD BE AIR ZAIRE 5-PASSENGER BEECHCRAFT BARON TURBO-PROP. AIR ZIARE HAS PROMISED TO CHECK OUT AVAILABILITY, COSTS, AND TRAVEL TIME BY TOMORROW. (C) A BETTER OPTION, WHICH WE WOULD HAVE TO ARRANGE WITH GOZ, IF PRETORIA DATT DOES NOT WORK OUT, WOULD BE TO USE EITHER THE GECAMINES (STATE-OWNED COPPER MINING COMPANY) OR MIBA (STATE-OWNED DIAMOND MINING COMPANY) JETS. THESE ARE 7-PASSENGER JETS WITH GOOD RANGE AND SPEED AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH DAR-ES-SALAAM FROM KINSHASA IN ABOUT FOUR HOURS NOT INCLUDING FUELING TIME. SECRETARY ROBINSON

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USED THE GECAMINES JET DURING HIS FEBRUARY VISIT TO ZAIRE,

AND WE EXPECT GOZ MIGHT BE WILLING TO OFFER ITS SERVICES AGAIN.

(D) PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS IN THE PAST OFFERED HIS C-130 FOR
TRANSPORT UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. IS THERE ANY REASON THAT
THE UNDER SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY WOULD PREFER NOT TO
ACCEPT SUCH AN OFFER, SHOULD IT BE MADE?

3. IF UNDER SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARE TO BE
ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF MEMBERS, PLEASE INFORM US OF NUMBER IN
PARTY.
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